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Applicant: EPPES et al. Examiner: Nguyen, J.
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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is in response to the First Office Action dated July 30, 2001.

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the following reasons set forth, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The First Office Action indicated that: claim 1-31 stands rejected under Section 112(2) as being indefinite; and under the doctrine of obvious-type double patenting with reference to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/586,192, but this rejection may be overcome with a timely-filed 37 CFR 1.321 Terminal Disclaimer.

While Applicant agrees that the obvious-type double patenting rejection can be readily overcome by filing a Terminal Disclaimer, Applicant must traverse the rejection because the prior art does not teach or suggest the claimed invention, and the Office Action does not evidence any aspect of the prior art that would substantiate the implied conclusion in the Office Action that the prior art suggest forming (by thermally coupling or otherwise) a plurality of heating